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Cook, Kilgore run for SGA presidency

By Ben Cunningham

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

Two Senate veterans are vying for the SGA's presidency in next month's elections, Chris Cook and Zach Kilgore.

The candidates kicked off the spring campaign season Monday night with speeches after the regular Senate session. Both candidates stressed a willingness to give students what they wanted, though neither offered any specific proposals.

Cook called the SGA "a big machine to get people to accomplish their goals." He stressed a 100 percent attendance record in the Senate and at fraternity and Interfraternity Council meetings. He also promised

an open-door policy toward hearing students' concerns.

"I want to get this job and I want to get my goals accom-

plished, because I want to benefit the students at Jacksonville State University," Cook said. "Another reason is I care what the students' opinions are, because that's who I'll be working for."

Kilgore also said students' concerns would be his concerns. "We're not here to do what I want to do, I'm not here to do what the Senate wants to do ... it's the Student Government Association," he said, stressing the word "student."



Chris Cook



Zach Kilgore

"I'm not going to sit up here and guarantee you, or promise you anything," Kilgore told the audience Monday night. "I pledge to

you to carry out each one of those 17 to the best of my ability. I'm not going to do anything less than that, and I'll do more than that if I can."

Both candidates have experience in the Senate and in greek organizations.

Cook has served in the Senate during the current academic year, chairing the blood drive committee. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Order, and was that fraternity's representative to the IFC, where he served as secretary and treasurer.

Kilgore has served two years in the Senate, where he has chaired the athletic support committee and co-chaired the constitution and code of laws committee. He is a member of Delta Chi, and has held the office of alumni secretary with that group.

Both candidates have said they would favor a measure asking University administrators to make a list of required textbooks available to students when they register for class. The Senate has discussed a resolution endorsing such a change over the last two weeks. In theory, some Senators have argued, providing students with that information would allow them to save money by giving them time to purchase their books from sources besides Jacksonville's two bookstores.

"If that's something students want

to go for and I get elected, then I'll do all I can to make sure we get it done," Kilgore told The Chanticleer last week. "I think it's a great idea because you can save money by getting them in advance."

Cook also supported the idea, pointing out that often students register for a class and purchase the textbook listed at the bookstores, only to find that the professor doesn't use it. "I think it's a great idea," Cook said of the proposed change. "It would save students money."

Students will choose the next SGA president at the polls on March 4 and 5. Voting will take place in the TMB auditorium, on the building's third floor, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Students live in deteriorating dorm

By Jamie M. Eubanks

The Chanticleer News Editor

Approximately 50 women are using three toilets and two showers, the paint is chipping off the walls, the trash is overflowing and one of those showers is clogged. No, these aren't the conditions in a prison camp. These are the conditions students in Doughtie Hall are living in.

Monday night, the Residence Hall Association presented their PowerPoint presentation to the SGA. The presentation was



two showers. These bathrooms and showers each contain several stalls. One of those contains 10 stalls, according to Wood.

"The first semester, we had about 50 girls trying to use three shower stalls," said Jessica Reid, president of the Doughtie RHA. "It was mainly 50 girls trying to use two shower stalls, because one of the showerheads is really low. So you can't get in there if you're tall."

Cobb said she would stay up

JSU hiring for chief's position

By Miranda Bryant

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Before a new director of public safety can be named in April, JSU must form a committee to review the list of applicants, said Dr. Alice Cusimano, associate vice president of student affairs.

applied for the job, said Cusimano, but only three to six will be interviewed. "The committee will be looking for multiple criteria based on experience and education," she said.

After the committee chooses the best candidates from the list, an interview

PowerPoint presentation to the SGA Senate. It featured photos of the conditions in the building and what they have done to get things changed.

They have already showed this presentation to administrators before Christmas break. During that break renovations were supposed to have been made, according to the RHA.

Jessica Cobb is a student who lives in Daugette Hall and is the vice president of the RHA, but she doesn't stay there anymore because of these conditions.

"I stayed in Fitzpatrick last year," Cobb said. "It was a lot, lot, lot better."

In Fitzpatrick there are four bathrooms, with three showers each, on every floor. Daugette features only one bathroom with three shower stalls and three toilets.

The residents said one of the showerheads is so low that it



The Chanticleer/Jamie M. Eubanks

Alesea Dikoko points out one of the only three bathroom stalls used by all the women staying in Daugette Hall. The paint and plaster is chipping off the walls.

can't be used. One of the other showers is constantly clogging, despite cleaning efforts.

So why would these students live here?

"I guess since all my friends stayed, I came back," said Marquis Wood, second vice president of the Daugette RHA. This is his second year to stay

in Daugette.

"That's why I came over here," said Cobb. "I didn't know they were living like this though."

For a long time, Wood said, he didn't understand what the women in the building were complaining about because the men have three bathrooms and

Cobb said she would stay up until 2 a.m. to get a shower. Reid recalled watching residents walk to the bathroom and have to return to their rooms because the stalls were taken.

Reid said there are no longer 50 women sharing the bathroom because many of them have moved out. Many of these women moved because the conditions were so bad, according to Cobb.

Alesea Dikoko, a freshman who is the secretary of the Daugette RHA, said she is on a waiting list to move out of Daugette.

All three girls said they would rather be at Daugette over Sparkman.

"There's not as many floors of females," Reid said.

"Fifty girls is enough," Cobb

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president of student affairs. University Police Chief Nelson Coleman has said he will retire at the end of March after 16 years with the University.

"We are pulling together a screening committee," Cusimano said. The committee will meet for the first time at the beginning of March to look through the applicants' resumes, leaving less than a month to name a new director of public safety.

It could take longer than April 1 to name a new director, said Cusimano, since spring break interferes with the hiring process.

Sixteen candidates have

from the list, an interview schedule will be made, Cusimano said, so those candidates can meet with people from the police department and student affairs.

"I don't have any inside information," Coleman said.

Individuals from the police department and the Student Government Association are being invited to join the screening committee, Cusimano said. Faculty members and members from the SGA campus safety committee are expected to take part in the search. "These will be very difficult, but important decisions," she said.

SGA trims budgets to fund spring event

By Aubrey Vines
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The SGA is trimming \$15,000 from its operating budget to help fund a possible **entertainment** event this April, according to Terry Casey, director of student activities.

The entertainment prospect and other resources the SGA are using are undisclosed at the moment but will be available as soon as plans are finalized.

"We have an opportunity that was given to us that we **can't turn away**," said Casey.

Casey **said** the SGA is planning a budget of \$50,000 for the event, but that it might not cost that much to stage it.

To be able to afford the entertainment, the SGA decided to hold back on some

spending — for example, publications and advertising — until all plans are confirmed.

"Our budget hasn't been cut," said Casey. "We just think it's a great opportunity for us, for our students and for the University, and if we're **able to do** that we **will** cut back in other areas. And if it doesn't work, then we'll have everything back."

Allocations for student organizations have not been held.

"We have not and will not cut **any money from** student organizations because we think it's very important that students get those funds," said Casey.

According to Crystal Roden, the SGA's comptroller

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Campus sprawls, and students drive

By LaTonya Pyant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Can Jacksonville be a "walk-friendly campus?"

Many students have the Wal-Mart parking mentality around campus — find the closest spot to the door no matter how much gas or time you may waste, according to Dr. Steve Bitgood, professor of psychology.

The thought of walking to class is not a major alternative for students, which is evident by the frequent traffic jams at the turn of the hour as students change classes.

So why don't students walk to class?

Bitgood and students Jeremy Mallet, Jim Shurbutt and Melanie McCarthy researched the campus sprawl at JSU as individual research projects

dealing with environment psychology.

The key characteristics of campus sprawl include a campus that is spread out over a large area, unsightly large parking lots surrounding buildings instead of on-campus periphery, the number of automobiles dominate pedestrians, and there are large distances between buildings making walking difficult, according to Bitgood's study.

The idea of building more parking lots has been brought up several times. Research has shown that there is ample parking, just not in places students would like them.

"What the students don't realize is more parking will not alleviate the problem but make

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The Chanticleer/Patricia Lockhart

Robin Calloway climbs into her car after class Tuesday. More students use their cars than those who walk because of the way the campus is laid out.

By the numbers:

Amount Atlanta Braves starter Greg Maddux will make per day under his new, one-year, \$14.75 million contract:

\$40,410.96

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Men's basketball:

Feb. 15 - JSU 92, Belmont 87

Feb. 21 - at Georgia St., 7 p.m. CST

Women's basketball:

Feb. 15 - JSU 80, Stetson 71

Feb. 22 - at Georgia St., 3 p.m. CST

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Senate sets more homecoming rules UPD making great strides on eve of chief's departure

By Aubrey Vines
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Monday night's Senate meeting began with a lengthy slide show from the Resident Housing Association of Daugette Hall.

Jessica Reid, president of the Daugette RHA, showed slides picturing bathroom conditions in their dorm. Reid addressed issues they were having with the corroding shower stalls, ceilings and walls.

"They've made this slide show and showed it to everybody and now they're coming to us," said Stephanie Janis, first vice president of the SGA. "They want us to do something about it."

Four bills up for consideration include one regarding the

height of floats for the homecoming parade was passed. The decorations and trailer cannot exceed 10 feet because of safety regulations and power lines.

A bill dis-allowing the reigning Miss JSU from participating in the homecoming pageant was defeated 16-14 by a standing vote.

"So someone doesn't have 24 crowns by the time they graduate," said Senator Emily Williams about the bill.

Most senators agreed Miss JSU should not be penalized for being Miss JSU. They said if she was the best for Miss JSU she would be voted as the best by the student body for homecoming queen.

The Political Science Club was allocated \$280 for the Model Arab Debate and the Student Dietetic and Food

Service Club was allocated \$125 for a conference.

Senator Jonathan Taylor discussed an idea for students to get a list of their books when they register for classes. Taylor said students can be directed to a link that lists the books needed for a class after registration, but it cannot be done with the registration system itself.

Senator Jordan Brewer apologized for his "sermon" a few weeks ago.

"The whole purpose of it was to get people fired up and if it took people getting mad to get them fired up, then that's ok," Brewer said. "From what I've seen in the past few weeks people are starting to pick up attendance at the committee meetings and people are starting to write and discuss bills more."

By Miranda Bryant
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The University police department is getting prepared for its triennial national accreditation evaluation arriving this summer, according to Police Chief Nelson Coleman.

The UPD was assessed by members of the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies in 1997 and became accredited for the first time. This accreditation is not affiliated with the reassessment of the University's accreditation this semester.

"Assessors like to see new things and plans for new things," Coleman said. Last year the UPD made accomplishments that should help it remain accredited.

Before last year there was a 100 percent turnover in officer employment, Coleman said, because the University could not competitively compensate them. "We were spending a ton of time interviewing, doing background investigations, putting them through the physical fitness program, sending them to police academy," he said, "and for some other agency to get them." The University brought all current officers in at a decent rate last year, he said.

Two safety/security positions were created during the fall semester to resolve parking and traffic problems. "It gave us an opportunity to see we really do need them so officers won't

to rely on the city police department to run our information on their system."

That accomplishment for the University police department came after some University officers expressed that not having an NCIC system was a safety hazard since they needed to know who they were pulling over, Coleman said. The NCIC also helped UPD identify those students with out-of-town vehicle tags so officers could put an end to their illegal parking.

Officers will rely on the NCIC to gather reports on those who have not paid their parking tickets, said Coleman, so they can use the boot, a device they

**"Normally we stay ahead of the pack."
—JSUPD Chief
Nelson Coleman**

attach on a front wheel to prevent the vehicle from moving. He said the boot was used once last semester and again on another vehicle this semester.

Students, staff and faculty can now purchase parking decals online through the University Web site. And a new fire alarm panel was installed where an extra phone line was connected to each building on campus, Coleman said.

Three emergency telephones were installed around campus in November, and high intensity lights were placed at Brewer

the police department to acquire a position for a fire safety officer. "We really think we need that position," he said, "but it is very hard to get a new position." According to Coleman, all smoke detectors on campus need to be checked at least once a year, and buildings need to be checked for fire hazards.

The University police department plans to get the car at the house of University President Dr. Bill Meehan and turn it into a marked police car. "We already have all the equipment for it," Coleman said. "We are just waiting now." There are currently three dependable patrol cars, and Coleman said they need a minimum of four.

He said Tasers are also needed in case pepper spray and firearms are not called for. A Taser is a trademark for a high voltage stun gun. "If we use the pepper spray during a fight, it will affect the innocent bystanders by making them sick or causing them to get trampled on."

"Normally we stay ahead of the pack," he said, in reference to other universities.

A Taser gun will temporarily incapacitate a person until an officer is able to get control over them, according to Coleman. "It wasn't approved because the administration doesn't want to give a bad impression of the University," he said. "It is scary to people who don't know what it is or what it is for."

If a fight erupts, an option for

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Alpha Omicron Pi:** We are so excited to have our Chapter Consultant, Ashleigh Boone, with us this week! We are looking forward to the sorority potluck dinner tonight! Congrats to this week's positive panda, Emily Rollins and Sister of the week, Jennifer Conner. Have a great week! **Contact:** BrownEyedGurl927@aol.com

• **Alpha Xi Delta:** We just wanted to thank ZTA for a great crush mixer last Wednesday! Kaylee we are so excited to have you in our sorority! Thank you KA for the roses! Hope everyone had a good Valentine's Day! Hope everyone has a great week! **Contact:** Greta Goecker, 782-1024.

• **Ambassadors:** Applications for 2003-04 JSU Ambassadors will be available starting March 3 at the Visitor Center. **Contact:** Tracy Phillips, 782-5260.

• **JSU Cheerleader Tryouts:** JSU cheerleading tryouts will be April 11-13. Tryout applications must be turned in by Feb. 28 to be eligible for tryouts. You can pick up an information sheet and application at the JSU Athletic Department, or go online to www.jsugamecocksports.com and click on the cheerleading link. **Contact:** Brittany Ishee, bishee@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Criminal Justice Department Seminar Series:** "Crime Scene Processing" Feb. 22 at 8 a.m. The purpose of this seminar is to offer a general overview of how to process a crime scene. Students may receive one credit hour (CJ 488) Instructors: Glaze and Staude **Contact:** William Coulter, will_coulter@yahoo.com

• **Financial Aid:** The preference deadline to have all application forms on file for financial aid is March 15. The deadline to receive financial aid for Spring 2003 is March 31. All paperwork must be complete and in our office by this date. **Contact:** Stephanie Miller, 782-5001.

• **Freshman Forum:** We would like everyone to participate in Project: Valentine! We are asking everyone to donate their old cell phones, no matter what condition they are in. They will be distributed to those waiting for organ transplants. Please bring them by the Office of Student Activities, 402 in the TMB by March 3. **Contact:** Katie Scott, katiescott@hotmail.com

• **Habitat for Humanity, Baptist Campus Ministries and the Wesley Foundation** will sponsor a Volleyball Marathon on Feb. 28 from noon until midnight to help sponsor a house for the Jimmy Carter Work Project to be held in Calhoun County on June 8-13. Find out how your organization or you, as an individual, can be involved. **Contact:** BCM, 435-7020.

• **Peer Educators:** Interested in becoming a Peer Educator? Attend an interest meeting March 5 and 6 at 3 p.m., in 303 TMB. **Contact:** Norma Penny, npenny@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Phi Eta Sigma:** Sixty \$1,000 awards and thirty-one \$2,000 scholarships are available nationally to undergraduate members of Phi Eta Sigma. Five scholarships of up to \$5,000 each available for graduates. JSU Phi Eta Sigma members are invited to apply. For applications, see Mr. Kinney in Stone Center 105. Deadline for applications is Feb. 25. **Contact:** Rufus Kinney, 782-5467.

• **Phi Mu:** If you're interested in the Phi Mu Golf Tournament please contact a sister. It will be March 14 and cost \$35 for JSU students to play. Phi Mu Lady of the Week is Suzanne Burdette. Have a great week everyone! **Contact:** laceydoo@aol.com

• **Writer's Club:** We are now accepting submissions for inclusion in the 2002-03 edition of the Student Literary Journal, "Something Else." **See flyers for submission details.** Please bring your entries by 116 Stone Center. **Contact:** Valerie Rimpsey, 782-8096 or hamilton@jsucc.jsu.edu

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Hey guys! Do you have an awesome, fun, or interesting talent that you want to showcase? Then come be a part of the annual Big Man On Campus. Entry fees are \$10-Single, \$20-Double, and \$25- Group of 3-5. Applications available in the SGA office. **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6176.

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The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

- Feb. 11—Jonathon P. Brettelle, 24, was arrested by JSUPD for public intoxication occurring at Subway.
- Feb. 11—Jason Tidwell, 22, reported breaking and entering an automobile and theft of property occurring in the parking lot south of Dixon. A trombone valued at \$3,000 and a CD player valued at \$150 were stolen.
- Feb. 11—LaTonya Pyant, 22, reported breaking and entering an automobile to JSUPD occurring at Pannell Apartments. A CD player valued at \$150 was stolen.
- Feb. 14—Jason Michael Woods was cited by JSUPD for open container violation occurring at Trustee Circle.
- Feb. 14—Cecil Bruce Gooden, 21, was arrested by JSUPD for DUI occurring at Forney Avenue.
- Feb. 17—Jeffery Michael Carpenter, 19, reported breaking and entering an automobile to JSUPD occurring at Dixon Hall parking lot. A saxophone valued at \$4,000 and a CD player valued at \$250 were stolen.
- Feb. 17—Corey Leon Cockrell, 19, reported unlawful breaking and entering a vehicle to JSUPD occurring at Tredaway Avenue. Stereo equipment valued at \$220 was stolen.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

need them so officers won't neglect other duties," Coleman said.

The National Crime Information Center system was installed last semester. It allows authorized dispatchers and officers to receive information such as vehicle owner information and certain police records. "That was a big one for us," said Coleman, "because we had

lights were placed at Brewer and Merrill halls. "People should feel a lot safer," he said.

"If we have new things that could help other departments, CALEA wants us to type it up and send it to them so they can inform other (police) departments," Coleman said.

Coleman said he fears proration will delay other plans. Requests have been made by

If a fight erupts, an option for police officers is to use the baton, Coleman said, but it could be taken away very easily.

When the assessors come to review the UPD, documents must be available for over 400 standards, Coleman said. "We have to be able to show any file they request and show who keeps the key to that file."

Two SGA exec. offices decided

By Ben Cunningham and Jamie M. Eubanks

The Chanticleer Editor in Chief and News Editor

Two candidates are squaring off in a contest for the SGA's vice-presidency of organizational affairs, while two other vice-presidential races have just one candidate each, and only 30 students have qualified to run for 35 Senate seats.

Jennifer Mince and Alesha Ingram are both seeking the title of vice president for organizational affairs, an office with a new name and new responsibilities. The Senate altered the financial office of comptroller this semester, making its holder the president of JSU's Organizational Council, a forum of representatives from the campus' student groups. The office will retain its traditional control over the SGA's finances.

Mince, a sophomore from Fort Payne majoring in sec-

ondary education, has served on the Senate for one year. She was chairwoman of the academic affairs committee, and served in the Freshman Forum during her first year on campus.

Mince said she's looking forward to the opportunity to be the first to hold the retooled office. "Basically the office will be my baby," she said. "I can blaze the trail. So basically I want to do everything in my power to do everything I can to revamp the office — make it new."

Ingram is a junior from Louisville, Ky., majoring in sociology. She's served in the Senate for the past year, where she chaired the allocations committee and co-chaired the blood drive committee. Ingram is currently president of the Organizational Council, an office she'll keep if she wins this election.

Ingram pointed to her experience with the OC as key to her qualifications for the new job.

"I seek this office because I have been involved with it, direct activities that are related with it, and been involved in those activities," she said. "I have seen the potential that it (the OC) has on this campus, and I think that I would do good as far as making it a bigger thing."

As the only candidate for the job Mardracus Russell will be next year's vice president for student activities, the new name for what was the 2nd vice presidency. He will be responsible for planning and putting on the SGA's year-long slate of entertainment events. Russell is a sophomore from Dadeville, majoring in music education.

"I feel like I've gained lots of leadership through being homecoming committee head and I feel like I could hold a position with [student] activities," Russell said of the office.

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Daugette: 50 women, three toilets (from page 1)

said.

Last semester, Daugette's RHA approached the University administration about their problems. They were promised something was going to be done, but nothing has changed.

There is a larger bathroom with more shower stalls and toilets that could be used, but it needs renovations. It's in worse shape than the other bathroom, but it could be fixed and used, according to Reid.

"We were lucky we got a

shower curtain," Cobb said. "I think that's the only thing they did."

Pest control didn't arrive until this semester, according to Reid. Last semester, two women were forced out of their room because mice had infested their closet.

"There was a hole in the back of their closet where the mice were coming in," Reid said.

The residents also had to deal with roaches and ants.

Daugette's RHA also argues that Curtiss Hall should have

been left for housing. It is currently being used for office space for the political science department, graduate studies and other departments that were displaced during some building renovations.

SGA President Robert Hayes set up a meeting next week with President Bill Meehan, Maintenance Director George Lord and Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Alice Cusimano to discuss the problems.

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allocations are not allowed to be touched for anything.

"We are allotted \$5,000 for student organizations and the organizations will get that money," according to Roden. "Usually, there's some left over that we can give more if they need it."

The SGA has taken this avenue before, not in the past two years, but it's been done, said Mark Choquette, the SGA's second vice president. With the exception of the yearly entertainment budget, all areas got their money back.

"That's the way it works," Choquette said. "I get offers all the time and it's all over \$100,000, even the simple stuff."

"It used to be that you could

do something big for \$15,000. Back then it didn't cost anything, but now it does and you have to find ways to get it done." Choquette said when asked if he thinks the SGA will use this strategy again in the future.

The SGA will let everyone know what offers they made, but the contracts they have will not allow them to go out and say what they are trying to do. A crawfish boil was in the works until this opportunity came along, but Casey said it was decided against until they know more about the venture they are currently pursuing.

"We think what we have, if we can pull it off, will be big. And if we can't, then we can say we tried," said Casey.

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things worse," said Bitgood.

The research team is emphasizing more on-campus development of better sidewalks and grassy areas that are more attractive to walkers.

Another appeal to walking is the time it takes to walk from each building. Mallet and Shurbutt carried out a survey on the time it took to walk to each of the major buildings on the furthest parts of campus.

The time travelled from the Stone Center to Pete Mathews Coliseum was approximately 33 minutes. Merrill Hall to Bibb Graves Hall was 11 minutes and Rowe Hall to Brewer Hall took minutes.

Other research will include measuring how far traffic gets backed up during peak hours.

The longest walking distance on campus is to the Coliseum on Highway 204, which has no sidewalks. Crossing Forney Avenue is a challenge during high traffic times.

Mallet suggested making walking on campus safer by adding crosswalks and lowering the speed limit on Forney.

The students presented their

study at a conference last weekend where they met other students from Mississippi facing the same problem. Unsafe walking conditions there resulted in two deaths that year.

The researchers proposed centralizing the campus to help alleviate many traffic factors by placing many required classes around the quad.

"It would be worth a try to have a shuttle service from Stone Center to the center of campus to the Coliseum and see if people would use it," Bitgood said.

There are some groups that are trying to tackle the problem. The SGA "Walk to Class Wednesdays" campaign encourages students to walk on Wednesdays. The Baptist Campus Ministries gave out candy as students walked by as an incentive for walking to class.

Bitgood pointed out that not only will walking help with parking but it's good for your health.

Any student organizations that would like to get involved or would like more information should contact Bitgood at 782-5640.

SACS visit effects students

By **Jamie M. Eubanks**
The Chanticleer News Editor

Next week higher education administrators and faculty from across the southeast will visit JSU's campus for accreditation evaluation.

Students may be asked questions or even asked to have lunch with the visitors, but most students won't even know the visitors were here, according to Dr. Martha Lavender, dean of the College of Nursing and director of the self-study at JSU.

"For the most part, I don't think students are going to realize much of anything is going on," Lavender said. "This is going to be another week at JSU."

The visiting committee will be identified by their gold name tags provided by the University.

"The visitors may approach a student and introduce themselves," according to Lavender.

"If it's a faculty member looking at educational programs then they may ask questions: What is your major?" said Louise Clark of the College

of Commerce and Business Administration. "Then they may ask them something about their faculty adviser."

Lavender also said some generic questions may be posed, such as the strengths and weaknesses of a program. The visitors will want to know students' opinions on certain subjects. They will not be subjecting students to a test of factual information.

"I want students to know they can be honest about that," Lavender said. "If they don't know the answer, they should just say 'I don't know.'"

Clark has traveled to colleges and universities to accredit other schools' programs, just like these visitors. She said the visitors will not intimidate students or ask an inappropriate question.

"But this is not the time to air complaints or grievances that have not been dealt with through the appropriate channels," Lavender said. "A visitor will not entertain that anyway."

"It's a time to represent JSU as you would want to represent it to your potential employer."

from **Elections**, page 2

Emily Williams will run the business of the Senate as next year's vice president of the student senate, the new name for what was the 1st vice presidency. She is a sophomore from Hokes Bluff, majoring in English and Spanish. She's served on the Senate for one year, co-chairing the homecoming committee and serving on the S.T.A.R.S. and academic affairs committees.

"It's something I've wanted to do since I came to school here," Williams said of the office. "I was in Freshman Forum, and I started to attend Senate meetings, and it's just something I love. I want to make an impact here with the Senate at the University."

Williams will head a Senate that is short-handed from the

start. Just 30 candidates have qualified to run for the Senate's 35 seats, meaning that all the candidates will automatically be elected, regardless of the votes counted on election day.

Originally, 39 students had filed to run for Senate seats, but nine applicants failed to attend a mandatory meeting for candidates on Friday, disqualifying them from the race, according to Stephanie Janis, the current 1st vice president.

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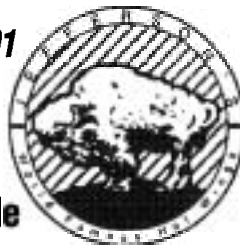
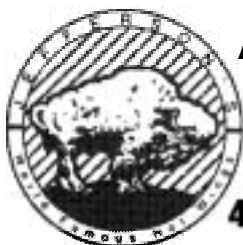
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OPINION

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In Our View Representin'

The SGA's spring election season is underway, meaning the names at the top of the student government soon will be changing.

One thing apparently isn't changing: not very many names will be on the ballot for SGA executive offices and Senate seats next month.

Of the four executive offices up for election, only two have more than one candidate. That means that Emily Williams will automatically become the vice president of the Senate for next year, and Mardracus Russell will automatically become the vice president for student activities.

We don't mean to say that those soon-to-be new officers will do a bad job, but we think that the student body would be better served if there were more candidates to choose from. The candidates would be forced to differentiate themselves from each other in search of votes.

Perhaps the greatest travesty of this state of affairs is the fact that only 30 candidates for the Senate's 35 seats will appear on the ballot. Originally, 39 students had filed applications, but nine of those failed to attend a mandatory meeting for candidates on Friday, disqualifying them from the race.

The Senate is supposed to be the body that most faithfully and most democratically represents the student body, much as Congress or the state legislatures are supposed to represent us in Washington and the statehouses. Now, instead of getting to cast a vote to choose our representatives, those 30 candidates will become senators even if no one votes for them. Typically for the way things go at JSU, they need just show up.

Again, that's not to say those candidates won't do a good job, but the democratic process is a sham if there aren't even enough candidates on the ballot to fill all the available offices. It's a shame that there aren't enough students on campus interested in their own state of affairs to fill all the seats in our student government.

But perhaps the problem is with the system itself. Voters pick three candidates from the entire field of Senate hopefuls, and the top 35 vote-getters win the seats. It's hard to even call that a race when no candidates are actually running against each other. No one who wins a seat will be representing anyone in particular, they'll be representing all 9,000 or so JSU students. That's a hard constituency for any of them to get a handle on.

For the Senate to be a truly representative democratic body, its members should be elected to represent specific segments of the student body. There are a number of possible ways to do this, but the best is probably dividing the student body up by the college or department of their major, and awarding a number of seats to that college based on the number of students enrolled there. That system most closely resembles the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and similar bodies.

Worrying your life away doesn't solve anything; so just be happy

I was told somewhat last minute to write a column this week. I worried about what my topic would be, asking family and friends what I could ramble on about. I had suggestions ranging from donuts to why people buy cocoa butter lotion to how college students treat their cars. I also had some tell me what I hate hearing, "Um, I don't know."

I either have some solid topic to write about, or I'm blank. This week, I was the latter of the two. I've milked relationships, growing up, and dealing with the public for all their worth. I worried for awhile, then it came to me, I should write about worrying.

I'm prone to worrying. I'm a Pendergrass for Pete's sake. I'm my mother's daughter and while she's a great lady, she worries like nobody's business. And

By
Stephanie
Pendergrass
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



unfortunately it's rubbed off on me.

I've worried and lost sleep in the past over things that I have absolutely no control over. I've stressed myself out **contemplating** the **what ifs** that never happen.

Have you ever noticed that things are never as bad as **you think they'll be**? **You** worry and worry up to the **moment**, and when the action takes place that you've stressed over so much, you realize that it was all in vain.

Far too often I think we blow things out of proportion. There's no sense in it, but it does make for interesting thoughts or conversations with others.

Sometimes I think we sub-

consciously want things to go wrong, then our worries were worth it.

When you worry though, you can just cause greater problems — problems in relationships, problems in your health, problems in general.

I've worried over grades, over work, over relationships, and it just seems like it's been a waste. If you go in giving something your all, you've got nothing to stress out about in the first place.

Finally I've come to the conclusion that I've worried in vain. All I've actually done when I've worried about petty little things is waste time that I could have used doing more constructive things.

Sure, there are times when worrying is needed. I've worried about family and friends and their health and safety and important things such as that. But more often

the not, the topics were pointless to even think about.

I remember an interview with Cher that I once saw on television. She had a good point in the interview, and it's something I carry with me. She said something along the lines of don't sweat the small stuff; if it's not going to make a difference five years from now, there's no sense in worrying about it today.

I've also found words of wisdom from others. A family friend once advised don't worry about the things you can't change. Bobby McFerrin had a great point too when he said, "Don't worry, be happy." And in the midst of writing this, the sports editor here at The Chanticleer advised me, "Don't worry, yo."

For the most part, I don't lose as much sleep anymore, worrying about the things I can't change. Every now and then the thought, "Did I leave the oven on?" pops up, but some things will never change, and that just proves I'm my mother's daughter.

Now more than ever I'm worrying less about the things I can't change, and thinking more about the things that really matter.

I have the whole belief that everything works out how it's supposed to, and the man upstairs has a plan that I should trust. When some-



there. That system most closely resembles the apportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and similar bodies. Dividing Senate seats among the student body by any other means would be messy and impractical.

Perhaps giving students specific seats to run for against each other would spark more interest in the races as people would be electing students they know to represent them.

When the 30 members of the new Senate open their first session in the fall, they should consider a measure to change the Senate election system to one with seats apportioned among the student body by college. Then when their successors convene a year farther into the future, there might not be any empty chairs among them.



upstairs has a plan that I should trust. When something doesn't go my way now, I figure He had a reason for that happening. Go with it.

And now I'm going to worry over whether or not anyone read, agrees, or simply hated this week's ramblings from a lowly college student.

IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"Which nation poses a greater threat to the United States: Iraq or North Korea?"

—Compiled by
Patricia Lockhart
Photo Editor



Chris DeLoach
Junior
History

"North Korea, because they have a larger army and more technology than Iraq."



Rosemari Jemison
Senior
Computer science

"North Korea, I think the focus has been on Iraq for the general public, but the military presence is so pronounced in North Korea and has been for a long time."



Alex Middleton
Sophomore
Business management

"North Korea, because they are more dangerous. They will do anything for their country.."



Dwight Redwine
Freshman
Computer science

"North Korea. They are closer to American soil and can easily bomb California or any other West Coast state."



Bryan Tyus
Sophomore
Technology

"North Korea. They pose more of a threat because they have nuclear weapons and they are more secretive."

IN YOUR VIEW: LETTERS

Student gets a lesson in life as a physically disabled person

For the past two weeks, I have had to use a wheelchair. During this time, I have developed a greater sense of awareness and respect for those who are permanently in wheelchairs. I am now more aware of the many obstacles that a physically disabled person faces daily. Many of these are related to handicapped parking. How many people have ever considered why handicapped parking

spaces are larger than normal parking spaces? A person who drives a car, and is also a wheelchair user, usually has to remove the wheelchair, get out of the car, and get situated in the wheelchair.

Because all of this occurs while oncoming traffic continues, parallel parking spaces can be very dangerous.

"I am not writing to complain. I only want to make people aware of these problems."

Something else that has become clear to me over the past few weeks is that handicapped parking is not a loading zone! JSU has yellow curbs that are designated loading zones. Also, a handicapped space is not a place to park if you just want to "run in" to the

bookstore or food court.

I am a physically disabled student, but I normally do not use a wheelchair. Until now, I have been very passive and just ignored it when people parked illegally in a handicapped zone. I do not allow my "disability" to stop me from doing any of the things that I want to do, nor do I use it as an excuse.

I am not writing to complain. I only want to make people aware of these problems. As a result of my

experience, I want to ask a favor of the students, faculty, and staff of JSU: Life for people with physical disabilities is hard enough — lease do not make life more difficult by parking illegally in handicapped zones or blocking wheelchair ramps.

*Thank you,
Jessica Staley*

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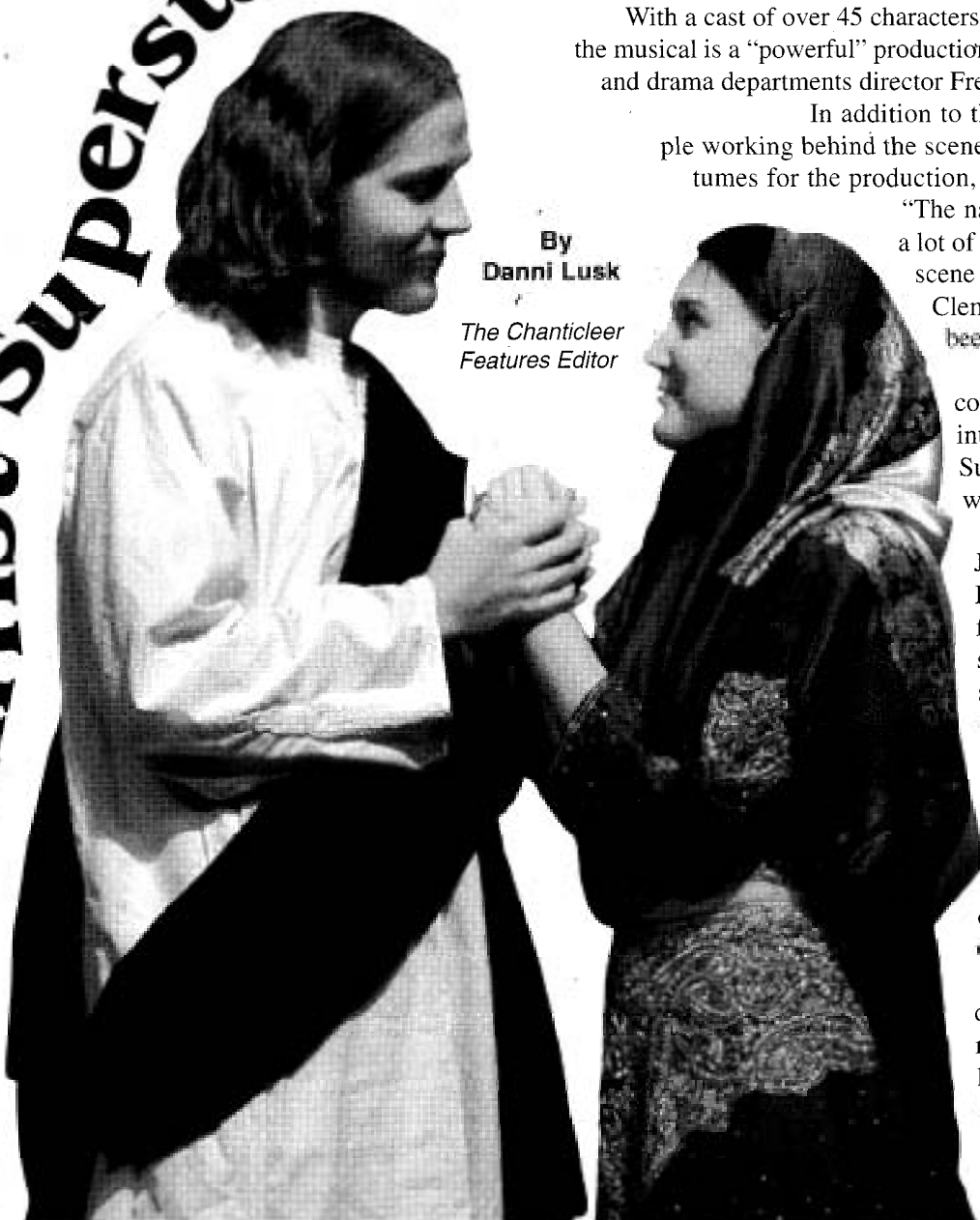
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FEATURES

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Jesus Christ Superstar



The "powerful" production of the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar" hits the stage tonight at JSU's Stone Center theater.

With a cast of over 45 characters, including the JSU A Capella Choir, and a full orchestra, the musical is a "powerful" production and one of the "biggest joint efforts" between the music and drama departments director Freddie Clements has seen in his 15 years at the University.

In addition to the on-stage cast and orchestra, there are about 30 people working behind the scenes on sound, lighting, props, set design and the 115 costumes for the production, Clements said.

By
Danni Lusk

The Chanticleer
Features Editor

"The nature of the show makes it much more complicated than a lot of musicals we've done just because of the quickness of the scene changes and the fact that the music never stops," Clements said. "Vocally wise it is the hardest show since I've been here."

The musical originated from two songs released by composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, which were later turned into the production's two main singles, "Jesus Christ Superstar" and "I Don't Know How To Love Him," by writer Tim Rice.

The writer-composer team then saw their production of Jesus' seven days before crucifixion come to life on a London stage in 1969. At first, there was opposition to it from various religious organizations because it was Jesus' story told through rock music, Clements said. Another shocking twist is the story is told from Judas' point of view.

Despite the shock value it had in the 70s, the University's production is intended to be non-offensive to audience members. "I spent a lot of time since last April trying very hard to make sure that in no way is this offensive to anybody," said Clements. "It's a story of the last seven days of Christ — it's not supposed to be offensive."

Clements and his production team spent many meetings discussing each scene and its parts to keep offensive material out of the production. "There are some realistically heavy things," he said. "If it didn't fit the story, it's not there."

In some past productions at other theaters, Judas has been portrayed as a violent character, said Clements.

My ideas of a Fox-like twist for "Joe"

By Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



What were you doing Monday night from 7 to 9?

Viewers totaling 20.6 million, including myself, were watching Fox's 50 million-dollar lie come to an end on "Joe Millionaire."

Commercials for the episode raved about Evan's lie and a twist at the end that would "blow your mind" — a secret that even Evan didn't know about.

Evan Marriot, "Joe," finally chose his potential bride out of the two singles left — Sarah, the former fetish model from L.A. and Zora, the small-town elderly/animal/children-lover who is passionate about life.

Zora stole his heart with her sweet and "genuine," as Evan said, personality.

The big question was: would Zora *still* want to be with him after he revealed his 50 million-dollar lie?

Well, she accepted him and his offer to continue their relationship and then Evan's butler, Paul Hogan, congratulated the two with a \$1 mil-

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Organization spotlight: National Panhellenic Council

NPHC unites African-American greek organizations to reach out to the campus through projects and events

By Summer Rogers
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

acknowledged at this Boys and Girls Club. On Feb. 22, they will visit a retirement

One of the most influential organizations on campus is one that many students may not even be aware of. The National Pan-Hellenic Council is a greek council for African-American fraternities and sororities.

The NPHC consists of eight nationwide fraternities and sororities, five of which are recognized at Jacksonville State including Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta.

The purpose of the NPHC is "to promote Greek unity as far as black fraternities and sororities are concerned, and to outreach to the campus and to the community," according to the group's president Tom Siaway.

The NPHC has been

acknowledged at this University since 1995, and has been in existence since 1932. Since that time, they have made enormous headway in the black and minority community.

The organization has several conventions yearly, which mainly focus on how to relate to all other fraternities and sororities, not only African-American ones. The JSU group recently returned from a council meeting in Birmingham concerning greek unity and more outreach in the community.

This association is very adamant about giving back to the community and is doing several fund-raisers to help society as a whole. Last month, they volunteered at the Boys and Girls Club, and on Tuesday the group held an auction, donating half the proceeds to the Jacksonville

Boys and Girls Club. On Feb. 22, they will visit a retirement home in Anniston to spend time with the elderly. They are also involved in other campus-oriented projects such as Habitat for Humanity and Preview Day.

The NPHC has an executive board which consists of a president, a vice president, a treasurer/secretary and two delegates. The job of the delegates is to communicate between other fraternities and sororities. The board is chosen at the end of the fall semester, and they then vote for a president, vice president and treasurer/secretary.

Siaway offered some suggestions for those interested in becoming a member of this organization. First, you must be in a greek fraternity or sorority, be African-American

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Black History Month events

- ✓ **Tonight: African-American Heritage Pageant**
Featuring Black-n-Mild, seen on Live at the Apollo
7:30 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium
Free admission to students
- ✓ **Tuesday: Speaker Hasani Pettiford**
Author, television personality and financial consultant
7:30 p.m. in Leone Cole Auditorium
- ✓ **Feb. 27 and Feb. 28: Dance and Poetry of the Black Experience**
7:30 p.m. in TMB Auditorium
Free admission

Some divided on Black History Month

By Eric Gorski
The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The Rev. Promise Lee thinks it's important to carve out time to acknowledge the contributions of black Americans, "to keep it in our consciousness, so we don't forget."

But for the past couple of years, the Colorado Springs pastor and community activist has declined all requests to speak at Black History Month events.

Lee's boycott might be a strong example of Black History Month backlash, but his mixed feelings are not unusual.

The observance, which began as Negro History Week in 1926 and was expanded to a month in 1976, is meant to document black contributions to U.S. soci-

ety and culture and make those contributions a source of pride for all Americans.

But within the black community, there are reservations.

Some don't like shoehorning 400 years of history into one month — the shortest month of the year, at that.

Others complain Black History Month highlights the achievements of the same people every year, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, but not less-recognizable figures.

"I have issues with it being the shortest month of the year, but I'm taking it," said Pam Shipp, a senior program associate at the Center for Creative Leadership in Colorado Springs.

Shipp agrees the social issues raised by Promise Lee are important. But she thinks the past is important, too.



Brothers of the JSU chapter of Delta Chi line up bags with bowls of chili in them, for the fraternity's chili dinner on Feb. 12.

Delta Chi hosts dinner

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

The brothers of JSU's chapter of Delta Chi hosted a chili dinner on Feb. 12 to raise funds for care packages for American soldiers in the Middle East.

The dinner drew about 200 people, raising about \$1,000, according to Delta Chi President Lance Smith. The money they raised from the dinner will be used to send care packages to soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division deployed in Kuwait, Smith said.

Delta Chi still has possible plans for future fund raising for care packages, which Smith said would be sent to the soldiers during the summer.

"We just wanted to do our share and help the men out in Kuwait," Smith said, "and because some of our fraternity brothers and friends are also there."

butler, Paul Hogan, congratulated the two with a \$1 million-dollar check made out to the both of them.

My question is: where was the twist that would "blow your mind?"

Are you telling me the \$1 million-dollar check, which comes out to \$500,000 a piece minus taxes, is the twist?

I expected more from Fox.

With their upcoming reality series "Married By America," where two people who have never met are voted by viewers to get hitched, the Fox network has slumped to an all-time low.

Based on this all-time moral low the network has reached, I would expect a much cooler twist.

Something like gathering all the women, including Zora, in the room with Evan after he poured his heart out to her, and telling him that they were lying to him. They really weren't all single, but instead they're all married with three kids each.

Or perhaps, the women could have revealed that they were a troupe of traveling strippers and then got up on the French antique tables and performed sleazy dances.

Maybe Paul Hogan, the butler, could have pulled the "Star Wars" scene and revealed that he was Evan's biological father and that the parents he had known all his life actually adopted him.

Or Evan, the supposed \$19,000 per year construction worker, could have revealed that he actually is a millionaire and Fox had viewers fooled the whole time.

Now those would have been twists that would "blow your mind."

And they would be much more fitting to the flashy Fox network.

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However, this portrayal of Judas will not be used in JSU's production.

Clements and his team have been working on the production since April 2002. "With the caliber, the talent and the professional attitude of everybody involved, we've been able to accomplish so much," he said.

Because musicals typically sell out, the show will run tonight through Sunday night and then Feb. 27 through March 2, Clements said. Shows are at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. For ticket information and reservations call the box office at 782-5648.

"I think it's a powerful piece and a powerful production," said Clements. "The community doesn't even know what it's in for yet."

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or a member of a minority group. Meetings are open to the public, as are community service projects, and the NPHC "has no problem with public participation. In fact, we promote public participation," Siaway said.

One of the most important things that the NPHC is doing this month is a re-enactment of "The March on Washington," on Feb. 27 at 3 p.m.

They will begin at the International House and march completely around the campus. The JSU Gospel Choir will perform and the president of the Jacksonville chapter of the NAACP will give the "I Have a Dream" speech. According to Siaway the NPHC is "trying to end Black History Month on an uplifting note."

Zwan *Mary Star of the Sea*

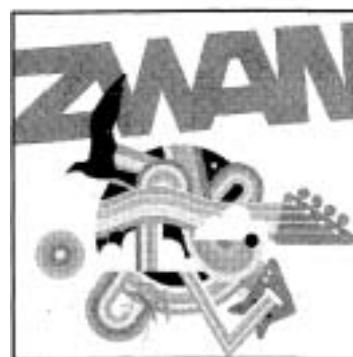
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Review by Ben Cunningham
The Chanticleer Editor in Chief

If Billy Corgan was the 1990s' "rock n' roll messiah" with his acclaimed band Smashing Pumpkins, we're now in the midst of his second coming with his new band, Zwan.

The band's debut album, "Mary Star of the Sea," was released on Reprise records earlier this month. It's a testament to the songwriting talents of Corgan, and his ability as a fisher of musicians in putting together a band.

When Smashing Pumpkins ascended to the realm of rock history after their last show in Chicago in 2000, Corgan and the band had already made their mark on music, leaving behind a discography that included the



Courtesy Reprise

now-classic "Siamese Dream" and "Mellon Collie and the Infinite Sadness." The band's sound fused Corgan's poetic lyrics with gorgeous melody and electric power. The music was introspective, often brooding and at times even angry, though always beautifully crafted.

Zwan's "Mary Star of the Sea" sounds like the beginning of a new-testament Corgan in contrast to his work with the Pumpkins. The album sounds uncharacteristically like a celebration, something of a rarity in the alt-rock world. It's earthy at

times, with the feel of a roots-rock album, relying on lo-fi guitar and even undistorted acoustic sound in tracks like "Of a Broken Heart."

There's plenty of electricity though, thanks to Corgan's bandmates, guitarists Matt Sweeney and David Pajo, bassist Paz Lenchatin (formerly of A Perfect Circle), and fellow Pumpkin Jimmy Chamberlin on drums.

The celebration begins in the first track, "Lyric," with guitar melodies that wouldn't sound out of place on a Tom Petty or R.E.M. album. "Here comes my faith, to carry me on," Corgan sings, opening an album with so many religious overtones the listener may feel the urge to stand up and sing along.

"Honestly," the album's first single, is a celebration of love that could be applied to a significant other or to faith. "I believe you mean the best that life can bring / I believe in it all" Corgan sings as the band provides pow-

erful guitar-driven radio pop behind his preaching.

Corgan takes most of the songwriting credit on the album, and the songs he didn't write are traditional Christian hymns he's rearranged for rock. "Jesus, I / Mary Star of the Sea" is a 14-minute, Zeppelin-esque epic near the album's end. The first half of the song is a reworking of the hymn "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken," with lyrics closely matching the original. Corgan sings them over a sparse guitar melody for two minutes before the rest of the band comes in, building slowly to a declaration bursting with joy. "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, reborn, reborn, reborn, reborn," he sings as the music swells and the guitars burst into electrified soloing.

"God and trouble are all I've known," Corgan sings. "yet how rich is my condition / God and heaven are all my own." If Corgan and Zwan keep producing albums like "Mary," that last line will ring very true.

Your 'final destination' is boredom

Review by Danni Lusk
The Chanticleer Features Editor

If you haven't seen Final Destination 2 — don't.

It is a sequel to 2000's Final Destination, a movie about a group of teenagers who escape death in a plane crash and ultimately are caught by death in very grotesque and odd ways.

The premise of the movie is that "when your number is up, it's up," as one of the characters said. And if you somehow escape death, the grim reaper will eventually catch up to you.

Final Destination 2 follows the same plot, except this time a group of highway travelers

escape death by avoiding a major pileup thanks to a clairvoyant teenager named Kimberly Corman (A.J. Cook).

Throughout the movie, this teenager and her teenager friends see the group of survivors die in gruesome ways that make them scream like, well, teenagers.

To add to the "oh-my-gosh-how-weird-is-that" factor, the accident the group escaped occurred on the one-year anniversary of the plane crash in FD1.

Kimberly seeks out advice from the only survivor from FD1, Clear Rivers (Ali Larter), on how to ultimately escape death.

The group tries a number of things from staying up all night in shifts to passing out cell phones so that the clairvoyant Kimberly can call the group when she feels "something isn't right," as she said.

The whole movie is much like this summary: predictable, adolescent and just-not-surprising.

It reminds me a lot of the "Scream" movies — with its thriller-like, make-you-jump occurrences and the graphic ways people die.

The grotesque ways people died was the most entertaining part of the movie.

One guy was impaled through his left eye by a fire escape ladder. A young boy was squashed

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where art thou?

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



After two columns praising fans and saying how hostile a place Pete Mathews is for opponents to play at, I figured that the SGA "Pack the Pete" night would see students standing in line to cram as many college kids as possible into that one enclosed area. Man was I wrong.

The Pete wasn't packed. It wasn't even full. Come to think of it I remember there being more empty seats than full ones. Did people realize that the Samford game would be one of the defining moments in this, our final season to play in the A-Sun? And that our women's team is ranked No. 1 in the A-Sun North?

Or were people too busy partying to show up to a game? Nope that wasn't it either, because I purposely drove by Paul Carpenter Village to see if anything was going on AFTER the game and it was quiet as a church.

So why pray tell was there no one at the game? And it was a good game. Jacksonville never really pulled away until the final few

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

The Gamecocks posted their second conference win in a row Saturday, ousting the No. 1 ranked Belmont Bruins 92-87, to pull to the No. 2 spot in the A-Sun North.

Omar Barlett led a host of Gamecocks in double digits with 18. Behind Barlett were Jay Heard with 16, Poonie Richardson with 15, Trent Eager with 12 and rounding out the scorers was Josh Perry with 10.

JSU shot 58.5 percent for the game and have remedied their free throw woes, shooting 79.3 percent from the line.

Belmont boasted near as many people with doubles, with senior center Adam Sonn raining in 26 with 10 rebounds. Steve Drabyn posted 17, followed closely by Brian Collins with 16 and Jese Snyder came off the bench with 13.

The first half was back and forth between the teams with JSU pulling to a 7-point lead at the 10:20 mark. But the Bruins battled back to pull to a 4-point lead with six left in the half.

But several missed shots by

Sonn and Belmont and good capitalization by the Gamecocks gave the home team a 17-point lead at the half.

The Gamecocks held the A-Sun All-Conference Sonn to just three points in the half forcing the Bruins to find some other way to produce points.

JSU had no problems shooting going 59.3 percent, and a little better than half, 54.5 percent, from behind the line. The Gamecocks also held the visitors to no points the last four-and-a-half minutes of the half.

JSU shot out of the gates still gunning for the top seat, taking the lead to as many as 23 with 17 remaining in the game.

But Sonn caught on fire scoring 23 of Belmont's 61 second-half points. Sonn also received help from JSU as he took 15 shots from the line, and made 14.

Despite Sonn's performance the Bruins never led in the half, but did cut the lead to four with 2:30 to go in the game.

JSU also defeated Samford Thursday at "Pack the Pete" night 74-63.

Poonie Richardson led the attack for the Gamecocks with

21 points, seven rebounds, four steals and five assists. Omar Barlett came in with 13 points and five boards, but the big story was JSU's bench.

Scott Watson and Eager got off the pine to put up 12 and 10 points respectively and the bench combined for 32 points and eight rebounds.

Samford's big center, Phillip Ramelli, led the Bulldogs with 15 points and five boards. Tyson Dorsey shot 5-of-9 for 14 points and Eddie Harper came off the bench for 12.

Neither team shot well with JSU coming in for an even 50 percent and Samford shooting just under at 46.2 percent for the night.

Barlett also went 3-of-5 from the line, a far cry from the 5-of-15 at Seibert Hall.

"Coach (Jeff) Maher said 'I wish that you would just miss the first one,'" said Barlett. "This was a whole 'nother game."

"This was probably the biggest win of the year," said Richardson. "We had dropped under 500 but now we are at 500."

And with Belmont downing



Senior Gamecock center Omar Barlett slams a two-handed dunk over Samford's J. Robert Merritt in Jacksonville's 74-63 win over the Bulldogs.

Georgia State and Jacksonville the fight for the A-Sun crown is upsetting UCF the same night, still up for grabs.

Shootout at the JSU corral



Women mend losing ways; retain top spot

By Mike Vaughan II

throws with under a minute left.

JACKSONVILLE never really pulled away until the final few minutes and even then Samford was keeping the game very close. It was a well played game with good sportsmanship and the whole shabang, in my opinion one of the best games that I have watched all year.

The women's game was a blow out, but in those games it's just fun to watch what happens and appreciate the skill of the players.

So what happened JSU? Did you figure that because you saw the score in the newspaper that Samford would just come into our house and win again? Or were you just too darn lazy to get off your couch from watching "Survivor" long enough to have a little pride in what goes on at your school?

Someone please tell me. After a great year of participation, after having students at games that really weren't that good, where Jacksonville ran away with the game by the end of the first half, this was the one night where it would have been great to show the 75 or so Samford fans that did drive an hour to watch their team play that we have a great fan base too.

But no. We didn't, the populus sat on their apathetic behinds and tried to talk about a team they have never seen in person after it came out in the newspaper.

By a stroke of the Big Man's grace or sheer luck that other teams lost and the determination of our own Gamecocks, they have almost clinched a spot in the A-Sun tourney. The women don't have any foreseeable problems getting in to theirs either, there are just too many games left to say they are for sure going.

So I ask you still, why? What was that important, since I know that Thursday is the party night anyway, where the heck were you?



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie
Kevin Simon, of the JSU rifle team, shoots in the smallbore rifle event at a meet with the University of Kentucky. This is Simon's third season of college shooting, and he is a two-time All-American.

Home run streak at 4 games

By J. Wilson Guthrie
and Mike Vaughan

The Chanticleer Sports Editor and
Staff Writer

The Gamecock softball team jumped to a 4-0 start for the 2003 season, recording two shutouts to sweep Lipscomb, and downed two Southeastern Conference foes, defeating Mississippi State 9-1 and Ole Miss 6-1.

In JSU's first game of the year, Tera Ross recorded her eighth career shutout, racking up eight strikeouts and allowing only three hits in seven innings pitched.

Breanne Oleman smashed a solo homer off LU's Danielle Catalano in the third while Melinda McDonald sacrificed to center field to tack on the Gamecocks' final run.

Not to be out done, Veronica Davis also pitched a single-hit shutout in the second game of the series. Davis was injured in the middle of last year's season and said she was quite nervous going into the game.

"I pitched some in the fall and threw a good deal in practice," said Davis. "But you don't know how an injury will hold up



The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie
JSU's Breanne Oleman slammed a solo home run off of Lipscomb's Danielle Catalano to start a four-game homer streak that is still intact.

until you get in a game situation."

Two other Gamecocks had
see Softball, page 9

By Mike Vaughan II

The Chanticleer Staff Writer

There is a popular saying that reads, "Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown." The JSU women came into the week with that mantra firmly in their heads as they were in the throes of a four-game losing streak. They ended that in an emphatic way with a pair of decisive home wins.

The first game of the week was against a Jacksonville University team that came into the game winless (0-5) on the road in the Atlantic Sun Conference. The Gamecock women continued that streak as they picked up a satisfying 64-51 win. The Gamecocks ran their record to 8-2 at home, 12-9 overall and 6-4 in conference as they hung on to the key No. 1 spot.

Shanika Freeman had an off game by her remarkable standards, yet still led the Gamecock's attack with 19 points and six rebounds. Heathar Shepard and Cobie Carlisle scored 8 points apiece.

Top rebounding honors went to Freeman, Carlisle and Freddrika Embry, all of whom had six. Embry, Freeman and Amanda Tyus all added three steals apiece.

JSU opened the first half on a 23-7 run, starting with a Kelly Nye 3-point basket just :46 into the game and ended with a 3-pointer by Laniece Thomas at the 8:48 point.

The Dolphins managed to claw their way back into the game by going on an 8-2 run to end the half, as JSU took a 30-24 lead to the locker room. JSU shot 40.7 percent from the floor for the half, while JU shot only 34.8 percent in the stanza.

A 13-4 spurt by JSU opened the second period as the Gamecocks opened the margin to 15. The game became physical and the scoring inconsistent from that point.

The Gamecocks fouled on five consecutive possessions and the margin hovered around 15 for the rest of the game as no team took off on any appreciable scoring streaks.

JSU pulled out to the final margin, 64-51, after two JU free

throws with under a minute left.

Saturday saw the Stetson Lady Hatters come to town. They were the second consecutive opponent without an ASC road win, as the Hatters were 0-4 in conference and 0-9 overall on the road this year. JSU was happy to extend that streak as the Gamecocks pulled out an uneasy, yet helpful 80-71 victory.

Nye led the team in scoring with a season-high 24 points, the second straight year she put up 24 against SU at "the Pete." Freeman spotted 22 points and added a career-high 18 rebounds, four assists and four steals. Carlisle added 13 points, and Shepard added five assists. JSU also owned a 52-28 edge in scoring from outside the paint.

Nye again opened the scoring for the Gamecocks, as she hit another 3-pointer to open the game for the second game in a row. The Gamecocks hit three straight 3s to open a quick 9-1 edge. Stetson managed to pull the game to a 23-23 tie at the 5:53 mark.

Then Freeman, who to that point had been held scoreless, went on a 13-5 run by herself to open a 36-28 lead. Nye then scored five in the final two minutes of the half to give JSU a 44-31 lead at the break. Freeman ended the half with 13, while Nye added 11.

Half number two was a back-and-forth affair, with the lead hovering around the 10 point margin until the 2:43 point of the game, where JSU held a 73-62 lead. Stetson then went on a 6-0 spurt to narrow the gap to only three with 75 seconds left.

Nye then broke off a screen and hit a huge 3-point basket with only :46 on the clock to open the lead to six. She then hit 4 of 4 free throws to end the game as JSU held on for the 9-point win.

That victory gave the women a 13-9 mark on the year and 7-4 in the ASC, leaving them in a first place tie with Georgia State.

The Gamecocks hit the road after a week off to play Georgia State in Atlanta Saturday. JSU plays at home again March 6 against Belmont.

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home runs off the Lipscomb squad, with Jessica Ford nailing a solo shot in the bottom of the third and McDonald raising her RBIs to four with a 3-run shot that ended the game in the fifth.

"I have high hopes for the offense, as top to bottom it should be good," said head coach Jana McGinnis. "We don't expect home runs every game, but we will take them when they come."

But the homers continued as the red-hot Gamecocks traveled to Mississippi for the Rebel/Easton Invitational.

Davis continued her winning ways picking up only one earned run and gained nine strikeouts. That puts her at 2-0 with 14 strikeouts for the season.

Helping Davis' cause were a host of Gamecocks as third baseman Allie Simons came through with a shot to left that brought Annie Davis home. A. Davis had just singled to right field to bring home Oleman and Bonin, who both walked to open the 4-run sixth inning.

Rachel Countryman had a solo

blast to center to nail the coffin closed for the Rebs.

Later that same day JSU took on the Bulldogs of Mississippi State University. Continuing the home run steak, the Gamecocks' explosive offense put up nine runs to State's one, with a solo homer by Ford.

The Dogs struck first blood with a fast two-out single by Lindsay Nelson to score Iyhia McMichael. But that would be the only time a State player would see home as they passed it.

JSU answered in the first with a double by McDonald to score Renee Hasan who walked, then advanced on a passed ball.

But the Gamecocks exploded in the second, scoring four on five hits and an error. The romp started with an A. Davis double and ended with Hasan scoring on a walk.

Three more Gamecocks passed go and collected JSU's fourth win of the season in the bottom of the sixth to force the 8-run mercy rule.

The Gamecocks return to action Feb. 24 as they travel north to play Tennessee Tech.

Green takes golf title in Southern shootout

From Staff reports

Jacksonville State placed four golfers in the top-11 finishers, including individual titlist Angie Green, as the Gamecocks won the Second Annual Henry Griffitts Southern shootout hosted by Birmingham-Southern on Tuesday.

Green fired a second-round best 78, matching her first-round total, to jump from a tie for fourth place after round one to win.

JSU won the individual title by eight shots over UAB, who finished second after winning the first-ever Southern Shootout last year. Southern Miss was five strokes behind the Blazers in third, Troy State finished fourth, and Tennessee Tech rounded out the top five.

Jacksonville State's Marilen Fernandez-Ruiz shot 163 for the two rounds to finish in a five-way tie for fifth.



Atlantic Sun Conference Basketball Standings & Results

Men's Standings

	Conference					Overall				
North	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A
Belmont	9	4	.692	2-3	7-1	14	11	.560	5-3	9-8
Jax State	7	6	.538	7-1	0-5	16	9	.640	9-1	7-8
Samford	7	6	.538	3-2	4-4	11	13	.458	6-3	5-10
Georgia State	5	7	.417	3-3	2-4	10	13	.435	6-4	4-9
Gardner-Webb	2	10	.167	2-4	0-6	5	20	.200	4-5	1-15
Campbell	1	11	.083	1-5	0-6	5	18	.217	5-6	0-12
South	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A
Troy St.	10	2	.833	5-1	5-1	18	5	.792	8-1	11-4
Mercer	10	2	.833	5-1	5-1	17	5	.773	8-1	9-4
UCF	10	3	.769	5-1	5-2	18	6	.692	9-2	9-6
Jacksonville	7	5	.583	5-2	2-3	12	12	.500	8-3	4-9
Stetson	4	9	.308	3-5	1-4	6	16	.273	4-7	2-8
Florida Atlantic	3	10	.231	2-4	1-6	7	18	.280	4-3	3-15

Upcoming Games

Feb. 17

Savannah State at Mercer
Stetson at Lipscomb

Feb. 18

*Jacksonville at Georgia State

Women's Standings

	Conference					Overall				
North	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A
Jax State	7	4	.636	5-1	2-3	13	9	.591	9-2	4-7
Georgia St.	7	4	.636	4-1	3-3	12	10	.545	7-3	5-7
Belmont	5	6	.455	2-3	3-3	14	8	.636	6-3	8-5
Campbell	4	7	.364	4-2	0-5	8	14	.364	7-6	1-8
Gardner-Webb	2	9	.181	2-3	0-6	3	19	.136	3-5	0-14
Samford	1	10	.091	1-5	0-5	5	17	.227	2-6	3-11
South	W	L	Pct.	H	A	W	L	Pct.	H	A
UCF	9	2	.818	4-2	5-0	13	9	.591	7-6	6-3
Florida Atlantic	8	2	.818	5-0	4-2	11	11	.500	7-2	4-9
Troy State	8	3	.727	4-2	4-1	13	9	.591	7-2	6-7
Mercer	8	3	.727	5-0	3-3	10	12	.455	6-2	4-10
Jacksonville	3	8	.273	3-3	0-6	5	17	.227	4-7	1-10
Stetson	3	8	.273	3-3	0-5	4	18	.182	4-7	0-11

Upcoming Games

Feb. 20

*Campbell at Belmont
*Gardner-Webb at Samford
*Troy State at Jacksonville
*Mercer at Stetson

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Brown gets new outlook at JSU

By Jane Little
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

It is a dreary Feb. 14, as I walk into the red-and-white painted Pete Mathews Coliseum for yet another interview with a JSU basketball player. As I sit and become conscious that I am spending my Valentine's Day with the aerobics class, my shoulders acquire the slump position. No, I was not imitating a yoga move; it was a sign of depression.

Then I see a taller Lenny Kravitz walk into the gymnasium. Carl Brown's sparkling eyes catch mine as I watch the 6-8, dark-skinned man walk towards me. His dreadlocks bouncing and his smile gleaming, I smile back as he sits next to me. My Valentine's Day was looking up.

I didn't realize that Brown would turn my mood around, but this is the type of person he is. "I would want people to see me as an easy-going, laid-back, cool person," said Brown. "I want people to feel comfortable talking to me, no matter who they are. I love people, I'm a people person."

Brown grew up in Birmingham and has played basketball his entire life. He was faced with an incredible challenge when his father died when he was only in middle school. It was a very hard time for him but Brown knew he had to adjust and learn to do a lot of things on his own. He decided to pursue basketball and try to reach his full potential for his Dad. "My father played basketball, so I wanted to make it for him," said Brown.

Brown is a caring son, a helpful brother and a loving dad. He said that his mother is his heart and strength. He is a proud

father of two little girls, Amari and Ka'yah who he said are a piece of him and he would do anything for. He also helps his twin sisters work on their game. They are a pair of 6-0 seventh graders aspiring to have a basketball career like their brother's. I hope Coach Austin is reading this one.

Brown finds the positive in everything in life. He never speaks a word of negativity. He has wonderful things to say about Jacksonville State University and what the school community means to him.

"Jacksonville State has given me a new outlook on life, it's such a great environment here," said Brown. "I feel the energy, and the fan support, there is so much love here."

Many people are expecting a lot from Brown in the future. Omar Barlett is the current star senior center, an all-conference player who has accomplished a lot in his career. The question is, "Can Brown adequately fill Barlett's shoes when he graduates?"

"Omar is our franchise," said Brown. "I'm learning from him everyday, and I have two more years to come in and shine."

Brown feels that he will step up to any expectations given to him by fans or coaches. He realizes that Barlett is a great player and said that this is his year, but he eventually wants to form his own legacy at Jacksonville State University.

"Carl and Omar are different types of players but this helps them to develop their weaknesses everyday in practice," said assistant coach Michael White. "We're looking for Carl to play more next year, but as he continues to improve he will earn more minutes this year."

Brown wants to do whatever it



Carl Brown, a sophomore forward for JSU, shows off his skills with the ball at a game against Savannah State earlier this month. Brown is known for his skills on the court but many do not know he also functions as a dad and big brother.

takes to help the team to victory. He believes that it is important to trust your leaders in order to be successful. Brown trusts all of his coaches and said that they have never led him in the wrong direction. He knows they truly care about him on and off the court.

Carl is charismatic and captivates with his positive aura. He

stimulates with his hard-nosed playing style. He grabs with his fun-loving persona. He can turn gray, cold, rainy days into yellow, warm, happy ones.

Brown has big shoes to fill next year and he definitely has big enough feet. Who knows, he might even poke through the toes.

Gamecocks slide by Tech

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Going into the home opener against Tennessee Tech, the baseball team desperately needed to stop committing errors and give their offense time to come around.

The Gamecocks started the game sluggishly as Golden Eagle Justin Mundt reached on an error and starting pitcher C.R. Palmer threw a wild pitch that moved the runner into scoring position. Mundt scored on a double from Casey Benjamin and the Eagles took a 1-0 lead.

The Gamecocks got on the board in the bottom half of the inning as Kerri Fair led off with a single, and Brian Haskins drove him in with a single to left field.

The Golden Eagles later added a run in the second on a pair of singles from Grant French and Josh Eye. French scored on a single from Mundt, and Palmer would retire the side. The Eagles would tack on one more in the third after Eye singled and scored on what would be the third of Jax State's six errors committed.

All scoring would stop until the bottom half of the eighth inning when Haskins led off with a single and later scored on a sacrifice fly from Richard Turner to cut down the lead to 3-2 going into the ninth.

Reliever Josh Forrest pitched a shut-out top half of the inning to give the Gamecocks a chance in the bottom half of the inning. Pinch hitter Taylor Talbot led the inning with a slide-in double to left field. Talbot later scored when Fair hit a

grounder to short, who overthrew the first baseman leading to the tying run.

Jax St. would get a chance to win it after Bobby Hicks was intentionally walked and Evan Conley laid a bunt down the third base side and all runners were safe. The bases were loaded with no outs with Haskins at the plate. Haskins would pop up and B.J. Burns and Bret Pettus would strike out respectively to end the inning.

The Eagles would never get a runner in scoring position in extra innings as Jax St. blew chance after chance to score the winning run. Head coach Jim Case finally had enough in the bottom half of the thirteenth inning as Burns led off with a bunt single and would later steal second.

Turner would be put on intentionally and Case would put on a double steal that proved to be a brilliant move. Clint Carrol hit a dribbler to third under the glove of Golden Eagle Phillip Hatch and Burns scored the winning run in dramatic fashion.

The win ended the Gamecocks' three-game losing skid and gave the Gamecocks their first win of the year. The marathon lasted four hours and 28 minutes. If Case and the Gamecocks cut down on the errors and mental lapses, they have enough talent to go with Case's baseball knowledge to put together a special season.

The Gamecocks look to build on the win as they travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., this weekend to take on Middle Tennessee State in their second road series of the year.

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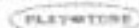
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